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Assignee: TippingPoint Technologies, Inc.

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. BOX 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition for a two (2) month extension of time within which to respond to the November 17, 2005 outstanding Office Action, such extension allowing the undersigned until April 17, 2006, to respond.

A check is enclosed which includes the fee for the requested extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to deduct any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502264.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on April 17, 2006.

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